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**2010 Mink Pelt Production**

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Montana mink pelt production for 2010 totaled 21,900 pelts, down 3 percent from 2009, according to the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, Montana Field Office. By color class, there were 5,500 Black pelts and 13,000 Mahogany pelts produced in 2010. During 2011, there were 7,040 females bred to produce kits, up from 5,800 females bred the previous year. Of the females bred in 2011, 1,600 were bred to a Black color. The other color classes are not published to avoid disclosure of individual information.

Mink pelt production in the United States in 2010 totaled 2.82 million pelts, down 2 percent from 2009. Wisconsin, the largest mink producing State, produced 883,430 pelts. Utah, the second largest producing State, produced 677,900 pelts.

The number of pelts by color class as a percent of the total United States production in 2010 is as follows: Black at 51 percent, Mahogany at 26 percent, Blue Iris at 9 percent, and Demi/Wild at 4 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 10 percent.

Value of pelts produced in the United States during the 2010 crop year was 231 million, up 24 percent from \$187 million a year ago. The average price per pelt for the 2010 crop year was \$81.90, up \$16.80 from \$65.10 in 2009.

Female mink bred in the U.S. to produce kits in 2011 totaled 701,000, up 5 percent from the previous year. The percent of total females bred to produce kits in 2011 by color class is as follows: Black at 52 percent, Mahogany at 25 percent, Blue Iris at 8 percent, and Demi/Wild at 4 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 11 percent.

Mink farms in the United States producing pelts in 2010 totaled 265, down 5 percent from a year ago.

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